

## DVCC Immigration Committee

### Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2015

Delaware State Police Museum, 10:30 AM

- I. Introductions: In attendance were: Maite Aros (Child Inc.), Jane Curschmann (CLASI), Carla Pendino (USDHS), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Meghan Fisher (DOJ) and Aimee String (DVCC)
- II. Old Business:
  - a. Resource Guide:
    - i. The committee discussed the immigration guide and a list of places to distribute it. There were a considerable amount of guides left over due to low attendance at the Sussex County DV Forum. The committee would like to see a copy sent to all public libraries and the local agencies that are listed in the guide as resources. Aimee will compile a list. The resource guides will be sent with a cover letter also offering training. Aimee will coordinate any requests for training with members of the committee.
  - b. Debriefing: Sussex County DV Forum
    - i. Aimee reported that there was a very low turnout at the Sussex County DV Forum. The committee was disappointed but was confident that we covered all of our bases in getting the information about the event out to the public. This is a difficult topic to get out to the Hispanic community but very important. The committee brainstormed different ways to get information out in the future. Some ideas that the committee agreed to look into include: Having a table at the Hispanic Festival in Millsboro (July/August?), partnering with an already existing program, having a table at the Delaware State Fair. Aimee will look into dates and the possibility of participating in the Hispanic Festival and Delaware State Fair.
  - c. DACA
    - i. There is no new information available. You can still apply but it has not been expanded. Carla asked if there was a need for training around DACA. The committee felt that it was being done in New Castle County but may be needed in Sussex County. Carla mentioned that she would be willing to do training if it was needed.
  - d. Committee Goals
    - i. The committee agreed to table this item until the chair was able to be present at the meeting.
- III. New Business

a. 211 Translation Services

- i. Aimee asked for feedback on what translation services are available that could be utilized for individuals needing help translating a PFA. The committee agreed that there aren't enough services available. The Language line is very costly and therefore is not being used. Maria mentioned that it is a problem because she often sees people who come into treatment and have no idea what their PFA means. She mentioned that in CA orders are in both English and Spanish. It has been some time since the committee looked at this issue. Aimee will do some research to see how surrounding states are handling this.

IV. Public Comment:

- a. None

V. 2016 Meeting Dates

- a. All meetings will be held at the Delaware State Police Museum in Dover, DE from 10:30-12:30.
  - Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>